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SOURCE Former Lithuanian, a former Army General and from 1935 to 1940, Commander-in-Chief of the Lithuanian Army. Because of his resistance to the USSR in 1940, he was read out of the Army and was stripped of rank. He later became active in the Lithuanian underground working against both Germans and Communists. In 1944, he and his wife escaped to the US Zone of Germany where they lived in DP camps until coming to the US in May 1948. He is presently employed in a small factory and hopes eventually to become naturalized.

1. I have had no direct contact with Lithuania since leaving in July 1944 due mainly to the fear of reprisals against my children who remained behind the Iron Curtain. Several individual DP's in Germany who attempted to send brief news to parents and relatives in Lithuania received replies containing pleas not to write any more. All of us knew what that meant.
2. In 1940 during the first USSR occupation of Lithuania, many high ranking officials and military personnel were imprisoned by the Soviets. Knowing that I was wanted for arrest, I hid in the country. During my absence in 1941, my wife was arrested and imprisoned in Kaunas and my three daughters were deported to the USSR. In June of 1941 when Germany invaded the USSR, Lithuanian patriots led an uprising against the Soviets. They liberated Kaunas even prior to the entry of the German Army into the city. The Soviets had no time to carry away the imprisoned Lithuanians and at that time several hundred prisoners were liberated by the Partisans, including my wife. Thereafter I took a minor position with a Lithuanian war museum at Kaunas because I wanted to avoid drawing attention to myself and yet gain a livelihood.
3. In 1944 when the USSR again occupied Lithuania, the Partisan resistance group was composed mainly of (1) former Lithuanian Army officers, (2) students, and (3) former volunteer groups under the Army. This group was still in process of organization when I left (July 1944). I later learned through DP's in Germany that my name had often been mentioned as leader of this resistance group even after I had left Lithuania. I presume that this was because of the prestige my name would offer and because I was well known in Army circles.
4. In 1945, it was rumored in the DP camps in Germany that General Pociulis had assumed leadership of the Partisan organization in Lithuania. Later in 1946 we heard through the same sources that Pociulis and several other leaders of the group had been liquidated by the Soviets. I have no way of knowing whether or not this is true or who the leader is at this time. I do know that on several occasions the Soviets have undertaken large scale military action against the Partisans and that thousands of Lithuanian farmers have been sentenced or deported to Siberia for collaboration with or giving support to these Partisans. Resistance, however, persists to this day and I can say with certainty that the great majority of the Lithuanian population harbors great enmity against the Soviet occupation forces.

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